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FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF GODR FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON EMILIO JIMENEZ' CLOSING SPEECH ON APRIL 29 BEFORE VIII REGULAR MEETING OF OAS/SCCN HELD IN SANTO DOMINGO:

BEGIN QUOTE -GENTLEMEN:

THE WORK OF THE EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SCCN HAS COME TO AN END. IT ONLY REMAINS, THEREFORE, TO FORMALLY BRING THIS MEETING TO A CLOSE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, CONSCIOUS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY, OFFERED THE CAPITAL OF THIS REPUBLIC AS THE SEAT OF AN EVENT WHOSE MAJOR UNDERTAKING WAS A MULTILATERAL ANALYSIS OF A PROBLEM THAT SERIOUSLY AFFECTS, PARTICULARLY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, THE EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE VERY STABILITY OF

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IT ECONOMIC PROCESS. I REFER TO THE CASE OF SUGAR.

VALUABLE AND DETAILED TECHNICAL ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE POSITION OF MY COUNTRY AND THAT OF MOST OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE WERE SYSTEMATICALLY SET FORTH AT THIS MEETING. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE REACHED A COMPROMISE, AS MEMBERS OF SCC, TO JOIN OUR EFFORTS FOR A HEMISPHERIC ACTION INTENDED TO CORRECT

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THE BASIC CAUSES AFFECTING THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS MARKET. WE HAVE APPROVED A DOCUMENT AT THIS MEETING WHICH SETS FORTH THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR COUNTRIES.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ON THIS OCCASION THE BACKING OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION FOR THE REASONS GIVEN BY THE DELEGATION IN JUSTIFYING ITS VOTE. IN ANY CASE, I AM CONVINCED THAT IN VIEW OF THE NEW SPIRIT OF HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION SHOWN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE BEGINNING OF WHICH WAS SEEN IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, THAT THE TEXTS AGREED UPON AT THIS MEETING WILL BE BORNE IN MIND BY THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION BEFORE ADOPTING ANY MEASURE CONNECTED WITH SUGAR IMPORTS INTO THAT COUNTRY'S MARKET.

OTHER MATTERS OF BASIC IMPORTANCE IN INTER-AMERICAN TRADE WERE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, AND HAVE LED TO SCCN AGREEMENTS.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES HAS BEEN A CONSTANT CONCERN AT THE SCCN MEETINGS, AND ON THIS OCCASION, WITH THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OT ITS MEMBERS, WE HAVE AGREED THAT A GROUP OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS SHOULD STUDY CLOSELY THE PROBLEMS AND LIMITATIONS THAT ARISE IN USING THIS MECHANISM AND RECOMMEND POSSIBLE WAYS OF CORRECTING IT.

NO LESS IMPORTANT IS THE CONCERN THAT HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED BY LATIN AMERICA REGARDING THE EXCLUSION OF TWO COUNTRIES
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FROM THE BENEFITS OF THE UNITED STATES GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. ONCE AGAIN, WE HAVE EXPRESSED THIS CONCERN IN A SCCN RESOLUTION RECORDING THIS UNFORTUNATE DISCRIMINATION IN HEMISPHERIC TRADE RELATIONS.

WE HAVE ALSO MADE EFFORTS TO STUDY A PROBLEM WHICH IS PRESENTLY LATENT: THE PROFLIFERATION OF PROTECTIONIST PROPOSALS AND INITIATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH CAUSE SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT ARE SCCN MEMBERS, SINCE THEY AFFECT NOT ONLY THE PRESENT SITUATION AS REGARDS ACCESS TO THAT MARKET, BUT ALSO THE RESULT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS SEEKING FREER TRADE. ON THIS MATTER, HOWEVER, THIS MEETING HAS SHOWN THAT THE PHENOMENON DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE UNITED STATES EXCLUSIVELY, BUT IS ALSO FOUND IN OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED ECONOMIES.

IN CLOSING, I CAN BUT HOPE THAT OUR ASPIRATIONS AS REGARDS SUGAR SPECIFICALLY, AS WELL AS THE OTHER PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING, MAY BE FULLY SATISIFIED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. GENTLEMEN: IN AVERY SPECIAL WAY I THAN YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION ON BEHALF OF EVERYBODY. END QUOTE.
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